

throughout Canada, these methods are to be adopted universally with effect April 1 next.

"At the same time new scales of food allowances in terms of dollar value have been authorized, which represent a substantial advance over the retail value of the foods listed on the former ration scale, and an increase over the rates payable in the experimental projects which have been in force since 1957.

"These changes are costly, as evidenced by the fact that provision is made for expenditures of approximately \$3 million in excess of those incurred in 1957-58. It is considered essential, however, that adequate assistance be provided for Indians in need, in order that they may maintain a satisfactory standard of living at times when they are unable to do this through their own efforts. It is also the purpose of these changes to bring procedures and standards of assistance in line with those in force in non-Indian communities; to give greater responsibility to the Indians in the management of their own affairs....

"An important change in branch organization has resulted from the recent establishment of an economic development division which is now in the process of being staffed. The establishment of this separate division is reflected in the introduction of two new votes

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which encompass a number of items concerned with fur development, agriculture, urban-type employment and other commercial enterprises designed to permit the attainment by Indians of a higher standard of living. It has been recognized for some time that the rapidly growing Indian population and the relatively low returns from traditional Indian pursuits make it imperative that more attention be paid to economic problems and to employment.

"A placement programme is now in operation with the object of assisting Indians to find employment in a wider range of fields than has hitherto been open to them. Placement officers are now employed in six of the eight administrative regions, with a senior placement officer in Ottawa, and it is planned in 1959-60 to engage two more such officers, one for the Maritimes and one for Saskatchewan. This programme is carried on in co-operation with the National Employment Service and other agencies. Group placements in seasonal employment have been increasingly successful. For example, a total of just under 1,000 Indians from Alberta and Saskatchewan reserves were recruited to the beet fields of southern Alberta in 1958. In addition, in the last two fiscal years, special arrangements were made for the employment of Indians in clearing roads in the Yellowknife-Fort Rae area of the Northwest Territories."

### CANADIAN TULIP FESTIVAL

One of the most colourful floral displays to be seen on the North American Continent is provided by Canada's Capital City of Ottawa, particularly during the annual Canadian Tulip Festival.

Over one million tulips will be in bloom during this year's festival from May 15 to May 30. The unique planting method used, called the "flowing mass display", provides camera fans with beautiful settings for colour films.

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### CANADA AND UNESCO

With more than 200 people taking part, the first national conference of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization) was held in Montreal from March 12-14. Delegates from all parts of the country represented groups active in the fields of education, culture, the social services, mass communications and the natural sciences, with Dr. N.A.M. Mackenzie, President of the Canadian National Commission and President of the University of British Columbia, Chairman of the Conference.

Discussion was focussed on Canadian participation in UNESCO's major project: the Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values. Members of the Canadian Dele-

gation to the 1958 UNESCO Conference, held in Paris in November, reported on the main items of interest of that Conference.

The Japanese Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Toru Hagiwara, was the guest speaker at the banquet on the evening of March 12.

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### PUBLICATION LISTS AWARDS

Details of fellowships, research grants, graduate assistantships, and other types of financial aid for Canadian university graduate students are contained in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics publication "Awards For Graduate Study And Research, 1959", released recently.

Included in the listing of 1,185 entries of awards or groups of awards are 548 from awarding agencies in the United States, 303 from Canada, 244 from the United Kingdom, and 90 from some 32 other countries.

While only awards tenable by Canadians, or by Canadians together with others, were listed for countries other than Canada, those tenable in Canada have, where possible, a notation as to whether or not they are open to foreign students. Many of the Canadian awards are tenable outside Canada.

The publication also contains other material of interest to prospective applicants for graduate awards, including a bibliography of further sources of information on awards and on higher education in various countries.